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SUBJECT: CONCERN FOR SAFETY OF AAFLI DIRECTOR

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1. INVESTIGATION OF INTRUSION INTO MR. MACDONALD'S APARTMENT HAD BEEN IN PROGRESS SINCE IT OCCURRED. PLEASE INFORM MR. PALLADINO THAT IT IS BEING GIVEN OUR SERIOUS ATTENTION.

2. AMONG OTHER WITNESSES, TWO AID OFFICIALS, WHO WERE IN THE BUILDING AT THE TIME AND TALKED WITH THE INTRUDER, SAY HE WAS NOT AN AMERICAN INDIAN AS MR. MACDONALD WAS LED TO BELIEVE BUT AN ASIAN PERHAPS OF INDIAN OR PAKISTANI ORIGIN. OTHER LEADS ARE BEING CHECKED OUT AS THEY DEVELOP. PHOTOGRAPHS OF "POSSIBLES" OBTAINED FROM CONTRACTORS ARE BEING USED AS PART OF CONCERTED EFFORT TO IDENTIFY AND LOCATE THE INTRUDER. TO DATE, HOWEVER, THIS HAS NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND WE HAVE NO INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE BELIEF THAT THIS INCIDENT WAS A THREAT TO MR. MACDONALD'S SAFETY. MR. MACDONALD SAID THAT HE WAS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH BUU OF CVT FOR HIS PERSONAL SECURITY. IF THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THERE IS INTENT TO HARM HIM MISSION WILL ALSO TAKE APPROPRIATE SECURITY MEASURES. VIOLENCE IS A POTENTIAL DANGER TO ALL PERSONNEL HERE AND IF MR. MACDONALD HAS PARTICULAR REASON, WHICH HAS

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NOT BEEN MADE KNOWN TO US, TO FEAR FOR HIS SAFETY, HE AND

MR. PALLADINO MAY WISH TO CONSIDER WHETHER IT IS WISE AND
NECESSARY FOR HIM TO RETURN.

3. AID AGREES THAT PIOT DISCUSSION MAY BE DEFERRED TO MARCH
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